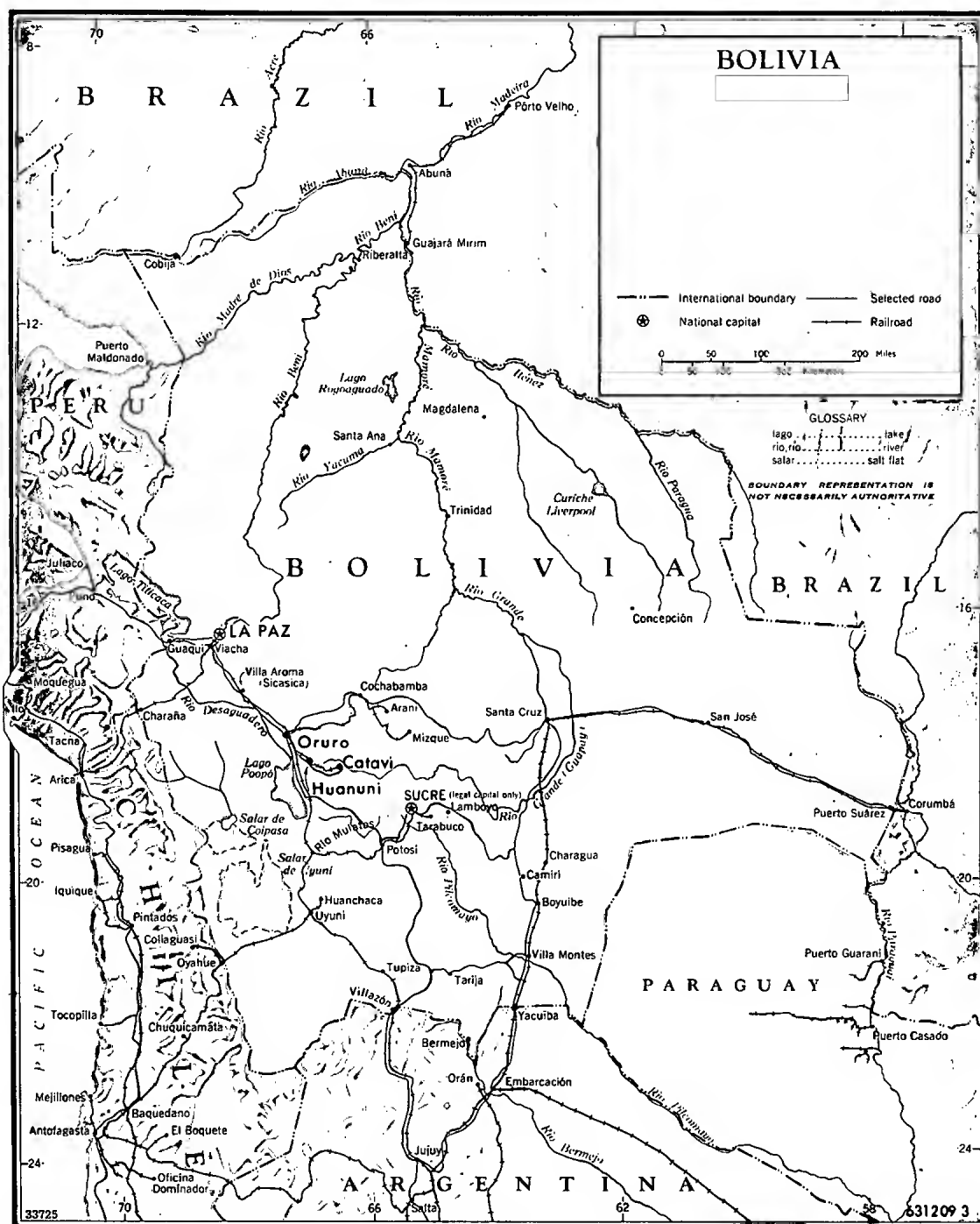


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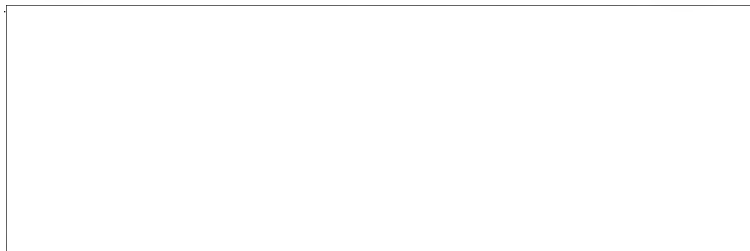
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1. Bolivia

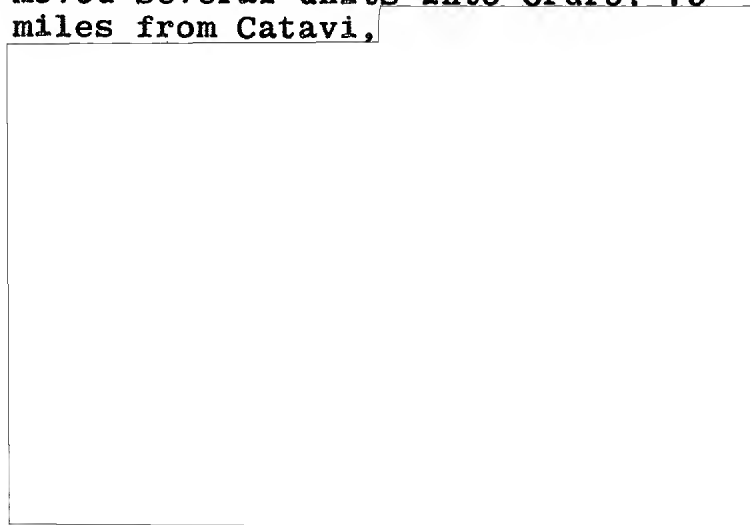
a. The situation of the 21 hostages is becoming more precarious.



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c. They would be immediately imperiled, however, should hostilities break out in the showdown now in the making.

d. The government has already moved several units into Oruro. 75 miles from Catavi,



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g. President Paz says, meanwhile, that "in the next few days," he will try every possible means short of military action to obtain release of the hostages.

h. The air force will try dropping leaflets today, and emissaries of the mine workers' union are being sent in by the government to try to effect release at least of the Americans.

i. By his actions, Lechin is becoming more deeply committed to an all-out test of strength with Paz.

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2. Cuba

a. Castro has stepped in personally to try to raise Cuba's trade with Western Europe.

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3. USSR

a. The plan to expand the Soviet chemical industry is apparently even more massive than had been indicated earlier by Khrushchev.

b. It envisages an outlay for investment in this industry alone over the next seven years of 42 billion rubles (about \$47 billion at the official exchange rate). This is more than was allocated for all Soviet economic investments last year.

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c. Khrushchev told the party plenum yesterday this would mean a slowdown in some other industries, but he did not say which ones.

d. He did say the USSR was ready to make substantial purchases in the West, but only if credit were granted.

NOTES

- A. Cuba-USSR The classroom phase of SAM training for Cubans apparently has ended. [REDACTED]
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- B. Greece Karamanlis has carried out his threat to quit politics. His resignation from the party (National Radical Union) may make it possible for Papandreou, who heads the rival Center Union Party, to survive his first vote of confidence next Wednesday.
- C. Cyprus Turkish Cypriots will follow Ankara's lead in publicly rejecting Makarios' proposals to revise the constitution. Makarios intends to go ahead anyway, and violence between Greeks and Turks on the island seems unavoidable.
- D. Cambodia The Cambodians are celebrating a national holiday, declared to mark Sarit's death. As a result, Ambassador Sprouse has been unable so far to see Sihanouk to deliver our protest over the offensive Cambodian radio statement. Sprouse says this statement has not been repeated in the press.

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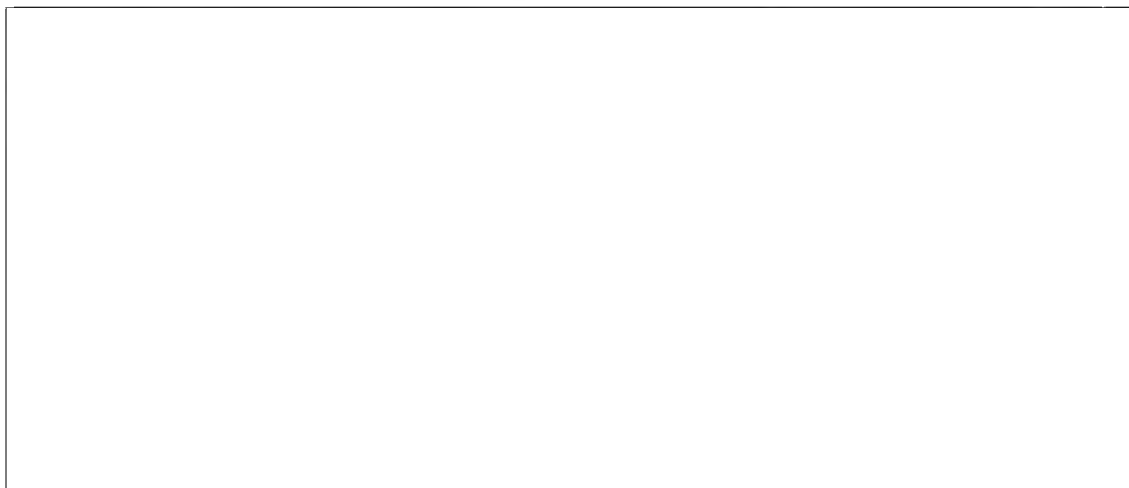
Cuban Support of Subversion in Bolivia

Most of the governing Nationalist Revolutionary Movement (MNR) is loyal to President Paz who is head of the party. Forces loyal to him control two thirds of both houses of Congress.

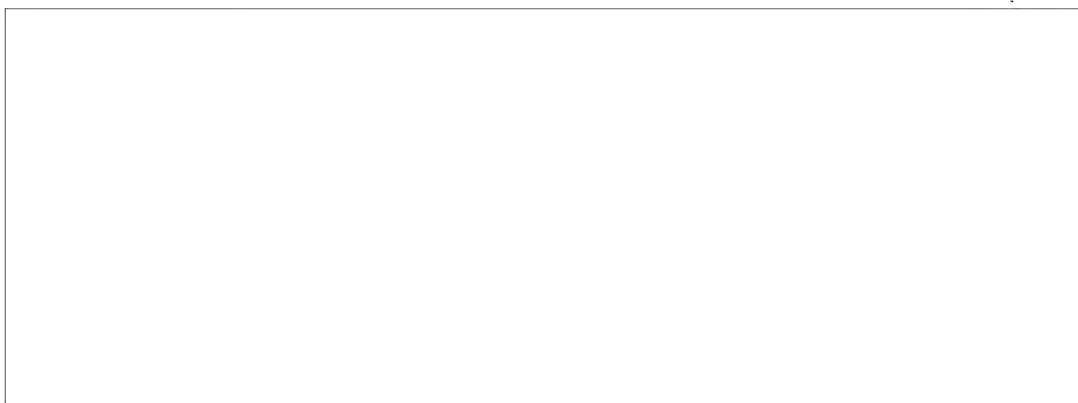
The MNR leftists under Vice President Lechin are being increasingly denied the sources of funds which would come from holding important posts in the party and government. They are, therefore, looking to Cuba and the bloc for backing and guidance to help oust Paz from office next year.

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